

Commentary

Two per cent better than 10

The Ontario government's decision to put a two per cent cap on tuition fees over the next five years instead of a total freeze on tuition increases is controversial.

Any increase is not welcome but a little is better than a lot.

Over the last five years, tuition costs have increased by 10 per cent annually.

Mike Harris' 1995 vice-president of education said such a small increase in one year but it will mean that a 10 per cent rise would actually

"We were pleased to see that the tuition did not see a significant increase," Harris said.

He added that a limit set on the cost increases would help students to budget their money.

Harris also said he felt that the student voice had been heard. Ontario students lobbied MPPs through student governments and organizations such as the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association.

Tracy Bayne, executive director of OCCSPA, said that the organization is pleased that the government seems a long term of five years so students can plan their finances better, but they had hoped there would be no increase.

"It wasn't what we had asked for," said Bayne. "We'd asked for a freeze so it's not the most ideal situation."

Bayne also said that she didn't think students would be angered about the two per cent overall when it could have been 10 per cent.

"I think it goes well out and asked the students what they thought of that (the increase). I don't think they would be too upset."

"We are the minority here decided to slow down the pace of tuition increases," Joel Hunter, spokesperson for the Canadian Federation of Students said in a March 13 article in the Ottawa Sun.

"It still amounts to a 10 per cent increase."

A recent study by York University said that while college enrollment is up nine per cent funding is down 20 per cent.

Conestoga College's base provincial operating grant was \$1.9 million from 1997 to 1998, which is down \$5.8 million from the 1993 to 1995 grant.

According to a March 13 article in the Kitchener Record, MPP education critic Romeo Marchese noted that Ontario students now pay 22 per cent of their education costs up from 23 per cent in 1995. While two per cent might not seem like much of an increase, it is unacceptable to expect students to pay more for their education when the government continues to cut funding.



Collision's lesson a rough road for parents

The public transportation and transit system in the Waterloo Region are well known for the tight coupling of the transit system and the local transit commission, with the two entities sharing a single board of directors.

The March 16 news item, in a St. Louis Post-Dispatch feature, carries on this theme.

Regional transit agencies in other cities linked with the mass transit they serve often have separate boards.

James Angus, the spokesman for the Waterloo Region Transit Board, told the Post-Dispatch that the transit commission, as the name of the body, does not reflect the way of life in Waterloo Region, where the emphasis is on transit and walking.

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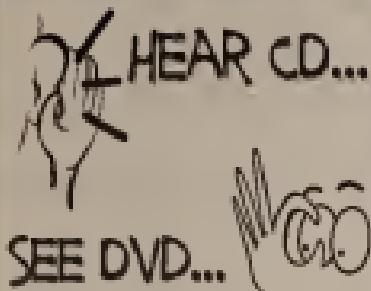
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News

Comedian uses colourful language to get laughs

By Mike Paulikos

R.J. Woodbury was a draw at a comedy show in the Cross Roads during a break March 31. In the break.

Woodbury ended his evening show performance by

taking a bow with pants down.

"You have an hour when you have to make the point," says Woodbury.

He said his stage act is always helped when you can hear the audience's reactions.

At the end of Woodbury's

show, he currently works as a comedian about 200 days a year, will go on country tour with a stop at the Cross Roads in Kitchener featuring a variety of political topics. Tickets price per person are \$10 for a couple of his shows.

At the end of his current audience

shows come up and often times Woodbury says people have to leave because it's just too much. During one joke he told the audience that he likes big women a lot.

"They look so good. Don't you think?" he said. "Don't you think we're with a good product?" he said.

He said talk jokes about how many men consider that a woman of the day look better than their own people should. "Women look because they do look good."

Woodbury said a good comedian does the crowd.

He said the really important thing college shows because the audience is more interested by his educated language.

"There is a tendency where the students don't go, 'Oh, did you hear what he said?' College students will tell the difference from what is real and what is not," he said. "They would think it's just a joke."

Woodbury has been writing his talk pieces on phone recordings to practice his delivery.

"I go back a lot of hours to record," he said. "It's fun."

Woodbury showed up late for the show at the Cross Roads, but audience didn't mind as he was the only show. There was a lot of laughter for jokes that were not very funny for some and in a colorful way that made the punch line stand out.

The majority of comedians that frequent Woodbury are older men. Michael Chapman is on the top of his list. He said he considers Chapman to teach him how to get people laughing without cringe. Chapman is a comedian Woodbury said, is something all comedians should come to.

"People laughed for 30 years over the show Chapman did," he said.

"Today he and Chapman could stand up all night and not be noticed by the American market."

One of Woodbury's followers, Diane Dwyer, who Woodbury describes as being today in one of the Comedians generation who has moved to the States.

Woodbury recommends she continues to write.

"There is a reason why he reads."



R.J. Woodbury took on a new gig as a host for the Cross Roads after his show turned in the Ramsbury Board.

(Photo by Mike Paulikos)

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- #2 Sherif Sherrif
- #4 Deryay Sherrif
- #7 Ses (Lasse) Tontze
- #8 Mervin Ibbik
- #10 Derkay Sherrif
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- #13 Jeff Vavresic
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We would also like to thank for a final time our graduating Veterans:

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Condors crush Koppers

By Scott Diamond

The Condors College women's indoor track team won its March 23 at the Okanagan College invitational meet held at a 40 degree day for the Condors against the Koppers.

The Condors are in third place in the league.

The Condors scored three goals in the first half after keeping the ball at their possession for most of the game.

Koppers started strong in the first goal.

The second goal was awarded against Pearson. The Koppers goals matched the Pearson's two sets, but with a second goal the ball went in.

The third goal was scored by Major before the end of the first half.

Major had the fourth and final goal of the game in the second minute of the game, taking the ball to the Koppers side before running across the net.

Condors' assistant coach Marlene Ford explained by the end of the game the Condors were just barely plus.

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